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SUBJECT: LOW PRICE OIL OFFERS FROM ABU DHABI AND LIBYA

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- 1. ARUZEN OIL COMPANY OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY FEBRUARY 20 PRESS REPORTS THAT ABU DHABI NATIONAL OIL COMPANY HAS OFFERED 20,000 B/D DD OIL FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR TO JAPANESE FIRMS (IDEMITSU, MARUZEN, DAIKYO AND C. ITOH) AT AN AVERAGE PRICE OF 38 CENTS BELOW 93 PERCENT OF POSTED PRICE. OFFICIAL SID, HOWEVER, PRICE CUT NOT SUFFICIENT TO ENTICE JAPANESE TO BUY UNDER CURRENT OVERSUPPLY CONDITIONS.
- 2. SAME MARUZEN OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT REPORT OF SIMILAR UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFER BY LIBYA ACTUALLY ONLY UNCONSIGNED PART (60,000

TONS) OF SHIPMENT BOUND FOR JAPAN OWNED BY OCCIDENTIAL OIL COMPANY. ALTHOUGH VERY SMALL QUANTITY, SHIPMENT IS REPORTEDLY LOW SULFURE TYPE AND SPOT PRICE OF \$12,00 CIF PER BARREL IS EVEN BELOW \$12.10 FOB FOR SIMILAR CHINESE CRUDE (REF). HODGSON

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